

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

RELATED CASE ORDER

A Referral for Purpose of Determining Relationship has been filed requesting the undersigned determine whether the following cases are related within the meaning of Civil L.R. 3-12(a):

C 98-4132 MMC **Richards v. Apfel**
C 08-1532 PJH **Richards v. Astrue**

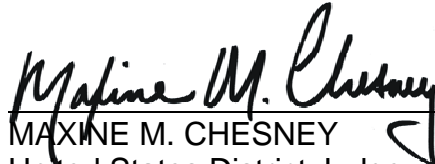
ORDER

On the basis of the material submitted to the Court, as the Judge assigned to the earliest filed case, I find that the cases:

☐ **ARE NOT RELATED** as defined by Civil L.R. 3-12(a).

☒ **ARE RELATED** as defined by Civil L.R. 3-12(a). Pursuant to Civil L.R. 3-12(f)(3), the Clerk of Court is ordered to reassign the later-filed action to the undersigned. The parties are instructed that all future filings are to bear the initials **MMC** immediately after the case numbers.

DATED: April 30, 2008


MAXINE M. CHESNEY
United States District Judge